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proposal does. So with that, I...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...stand again to support the Redistricting Committee's amendment. They were...the parts of that I think were well thought through. Sarpy County is an issue that the lines of Sarpy County, what represents communities of interest is a lot more readily determined by those who represent the area and are most familiar with it. With respect to Gage and Saline County, I do not know. We've heard a lot about Saline...about communities of interest. I do not know what represents a community of interest. But if communities of interest represent people who work in one area and another area and interchange of workers, and interchange of business, and interchange of school districts, what a lot of people don't know, that the Crete School District encompasses...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...all of Lancaster County up to the west city limits. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Further debate on the motion to bracket LB 851? Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think it's important, and I, certainly, if I were on the other side and making the argument, I wouldn't want to make the argument that we just need to move on, we just can't waste our time with this small little issue, and that we have bigger fish to fry, and certainly don't want a special session, and, gosh, I'd use those same arguments, if it was me, on the other side. But my good friend, Senator Bromm, and the others on the opposite side of this issue, Republicans, all, the main topic in Gage and Saline Counties, this morning, I will guarantee you, is redistricting. They don't give a hoot right now about ethanol. They don't give a hoot about almost anything we're talking about in this Legislature at this point in time. And to those people, the